



PROPOSED SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

November 30, 2009

The City of Burien is updating its Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The existing SMP, which was inherited from King County, remains unchanged since the City incorporated in 1993. If approved both locally and by the State of Washington, these amendments would ensure our shorelines will remain a quality asset to our citizens and the region.

Under the Shoreline Management Act (SMA) each city and county with "shorelines of the state" must adopt a shoreline master program (SMP) based on state laws and rules but tailored to the specific geographic, economic and environmental needs of the community. The SMP is essentially a shoreline comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance with a distinct environmental orientation applicable to shoreline areas and customized to local circumstances.

The proposed amendments are based on more than a year of work by a citizen-based advisory committee that considered input received from the community at an open house in May 2008. The Shoreline Advisory Committee met a total of nine times to review proposed draft SMP and provide valuable input into the document. The draft SMP contains the following elements:

- 1) **User Guide** – Provides an overview of the local Shoreline Master Program.
- 2) **General Goals and Policies** – Incorporates the community's input from the open house held in May 2008 with existing goals and policies of Burien's comprehensive plan to create Burien's vision for its shorelines.
- 3) **Environment Designations** – Based on the physical characteristics and public input this chapter assigns designations for sections of Burien's shorelines.
- 4) **Use and Modifications Regulations** – A chapter containing regulations for uses and activities within the shorelines, including vegetation management, docks, buoys, access and construction.
- 5) **Administration and Permit Procedures** – This chapter sets forth the permitting and enforcement regulations and procedures.

The complete Shoreline Master Program also contains an **inventory**, **shoreline characterization** and a **shoreline restoration plan**.

The Shoreline Master Program is subject to change as it moves through the public review process. Please see the City of Burien website www.burienwa.gov for updates as they are available.



REVIEW PROCESS

The Burien Planning Commission will review the proposed advisory committee recommendation for the revised Shoreline Master Program and make a recommendation to the Burien City Council, which has the final decision on the revised Shoreline Master Program. The following meetings have been planned:

- **December 15, 2009, 7:00 pm Planning Commission Meeting:** Introduction of the proposed Shoreline Master Program to the Planning Commission (not a public hearing).
- **January 12, 2010, 7:00 pm Planning Commission Public Hearing:** on proposed Shoreline Master Program.
- **January 26, 2010, 7:00 pm: Planning Commission Meeting:** Discussion and possible recommendation to City Council on proposed Shoreline Master Program (not a public hearing).
- **February 9, 2010, 7:00 pm: Planning Commission Meeting:** Discussion and recommendation to City Council on proposed Shoreline Master Program (not a public hearing).
- **February and March: City Council Public Hearing, discussion and decision** on proposed shoreline master program. Dates to be determined following Planning Commission recommendation.
- **April through July:** Washington State Department of Ecology Review and Public Process.

Timeline is subject to change

Please check the City web site for the most up to date information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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